



Dear Supporters and Friends,

A warm welcome to the Winter Edition of our quarterly newsletter. Here, we will highlight heart-warming stories, introduce new, exciting partnerships and update you on the important impact the Foundation is making overseas.

This quarter at the CareTech Foundation has been one of delivery. Our mission remains to champion and create meaningful impact within the social care sector, for care workers and those living in care. Throughout the winter period, we have achieved nothing short of this with the help of CareTech Ltd employees and partners engaging with our grants and sharing our passion to make a difference. Your stories of fundraising, volunteering and advocating for communities and loved ones never fail to inspire us. Thank you for the amazing work that you continue to do to make our pursuit a reality.

There has also been opportunity to reflect and revise the work we have been doing not only in the UK but overseas. Delivering meaningful impact should not have to stop at home, at the Foundation we intend to take our learnings from the UK and apply them overseas to support communities and individuals in less fortunate positions. Witnessing the impact that the Pakistan Special Education Initiative (PSEI) and partnerships abroad have, has made us more eager than ever to continue this extraordinary work.

Thank you for your ongoing support, we look forward to continuing to deliver meaningful impact with the help of our partners and community.

Pakistan Updates



The Pakistan Special Education Initiative continues to make great progress to improve special education resources in Pakistan. Through their school collaborations and partnerships, PSEI continues to invest in the future of students with special needs across the country.

Exciting progress was made this quarter! Innovative and inspiring projects allow PSEI to continue the amazing impact they are making. Crescent Model School in Lahore co-hosted a soft launch event at their campus for the Initial Assessment Tool (IAT). The IAT is a resource used to screen learning disabilities in mainstream classroom, something that can revolutionise special education in Pakistan.

'Before PSEI, mainstream classrooms often overlooked children with learning disabilities. PSEI's intervention addresses this gap, providing mechanisms to identify learning disabilities early and help SEND children reach their full potential'- Mr Altaf Saleem, Managing Trustee & Secretary at Crescent Educational Trust.

In January, Our Executive Director, Tariq Raja, embarked on a trip to Pakistan to witness first-hand what we continue to achieve through our partnerships and programmes overseas. There is a lot to be excited about in 2025 and beyond!

'We remain committed to investing in the future of Pakistan and see this as only the beginning. This visit has shone a light on more areas of focus and opened doors for more friendships and collaborations to take us into the next period of our journey. As we move forward, we will grow our presence further as we step-up our ambitions alongside yours.'- Tariq Raja, Executive Director.

Read more about his trip here:
<https://www.caretechfoundation.org.uk/news/pakistanvisit/>



Community Grants



Our Community Grants endeavors to support CareTech Ltd staff, their families and local communities in hopes to enrich the areas where CareTech Ltd operates. This quarter we granted a total of **15 grants**, amounting to over **£16,000**.

The Community Grants have been KICKING off this quarter... The Stafford Atletico under 7's football team recognise the importance of fostering an environment where their team feels valued, included and empowered.

Over the winter, their training was interrupted due to poor weather conditions and many players had been playing in outgrown kits. A grant of **£750** from the Foundation funded indoor facilities and kits to allow the team to play consistently and with pride!



'This is more than just funding- It's an investment in the future of these young players, their confidence and their love for the beautiful game'

Staff Hardship Funds

The Foundation receives a restricted donation from CareTech Ltd to enable us to offer small grants of up to £1,500 to both current staff and those who have recently left the company and are facing significant financial hardship or are at risk of experiencing such hardship.

In the most recent quarter, the Foundation awarded a total of **79 grants**, amounting to over **£50,000**, to individuals in need of financial support.

If you believe you could benefit from this assistance, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us at info@caretechfoundation.org.uk to learn more about the support we may be able to provide.

Match Funding Grants

Through our Match Funding Grants, CareTech Ltd staff have the opportunity to boost their fundraising efforts for causes important to them. This quarter we granted a total of **12 grants** amounting to a total of **£3,144**.

Massive shoutout to Mark and his two daughters, Jolie (7) and Hattie (11), who invested their own money to make and sell bracelets for a cause close to their heart. They raised **£160** for the Children's Air Ambulance who provide a lifesaving transfer service for critically ill babies and children. Their creativity and commitment is admirable! We are so pleased to donate a further **£160** towards this brilliant cause.



Our crew is on hand to provide lifesaving care and effectively bring emergency hospital care to our patients.

Our doctors, critical care paramedics and pilots couldn't do their jobs without the support of people like you'

-The Air Ambulance Team

Match-It!

We acknowledge that giving your expertise and time to a charity through voluntary work is just as valuable as fundraising for money.

With our Match-it scheme you can help your charity of choice to get a financial boost too! The charity can qualify for:

- **£150** if you volunteer on a one-off occasion
- **£350** if you volunteer frequently



Exciting announcement! We are hosting a webinar on the **22nd May** with [Sense International](#) to give you the opportunity to learn more about deafblindness in children. Click [here](#) to join the webinar!

Partnership Grants

The number of life-limiting conditions in children is increasing, the impact that this has on families and carers is detrimental. Together for Short Lives (TFSL) is here to help. TFSL is an organisation offering crucial support to the families and carers of young people with life limiting conditions to help them make the most of every moment together.



We are proud to partner with TFSL and support this amazing work with a grant of **£225,000!** This will provide families with access to support and professionals access to training and resources.

One of TFSL's exciting projects is their outreach events which raise awareness, enable training and create memory making. With our grant, TFSL will be able to fund 20 events across the UK, share resources, build support networks and ensure no one experiences loss alone.

The impact that this partnership will have, is amazing. We hope to see improved mental wellbeing of families meaning they can spend more time together with less pressure. Professionals will also feel more confident knowing they have up to date training materials and resources. To learn more about the work that TFSL is doing and the impact they continue to make, visit their website here: [Together for Short Lives: Children's Charities - Children Hospices](#)



“We are thrilled to be working with CareTech Foundation. This partnership is pivotal to creating a future where every child with a life-limiting condition and their family gets the high-quality palliative and end of life care, when and where they need it. We are so grateful to everyone at CareTech Foundation for their commitment to children’s palliative care.”- Nick Carroll, Chief Executive of TFSL

Exciting Announcement!

We are hosting a Webinar on the **25th April** with TFSL! This will explore the inspiring work that TFSL are doing and how you can get involved.

Click [here](#) to join the webinar!



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